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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by H.E. Dato' Haji Abu Hassan bin Haji Omar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia dated 28 February 1991 on the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I should be grateful if the text of the statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) RAZALI Ismail
Ambassador

Annex

Statement dated 28 February 1991 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

Malaysia shares in the happiness of the people of Kuwait over the liberation of their country and looks forward to the re-establishment of the legitimate Government of Kuwait. With the accomplishment of the task in fulfilment of resolution 678, all efforts must now be directed towards bringing an urgent cessation of hostilities to minimize further destruction and loss of lives.

Malaysia welcomes today's announcement by President Bush of the suspension of all offensive combat operations. Malaysia welcomes Iraq's declaration accepting all 12 Security Council resolutions on the Iraq-Kuwait situation and commends its earlier decision to withdraw from Kuwait in response to the Soviet Union's peace proposals. Given Iraq's acceptance, the Security Council should move immediately to arrange for a cease-fire and the cessation of hostilities. Governments of the allied forces must cooperate with the Security Council to bring about an immediate end to hostilities now that Kuwait has been liberated.

Malaysia calls upon the Arab States to begin the process of reconciliation amongst themselves and to agree on the necessary security arrangements to prevent the occurrence of a similar crisis in the future.

Malaysia believes it is now incumbent upon the Security Council to work towards a framework for a political settlement to the Gulf crisis and the broader issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine problem. Malaysia strongly urges all parties concerned, including Iraq, to extend their fullest cooperation to the Security Council in this urgent task to restore international peace and security in the region.

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